6/28/72 Bay Guardian 6:8, The Soledad Frame-UP

Je is right in thinking this a valuable addition to my Informants file, possibly I,Spy, which I do plan. (In fact, while driving this a.m. I planned the beginning of the opening chapter, deciding to use of of perhaps a dozen personal cases, that of a girl.) I think its time has come.)

My purpose in this note is not merely to thank. Take a look at your own copy, of the picture of the transmitter, and ask yourself how valid the stories on the Keystone Cops aspect of the Demo bugging case are if this is the size of the equipment used by the pros who have limiless $$$ and facilities and choices. Tha t the men were bumblers is as irrelevant as it is true in the Watergate Caper. The point is that which could be made with this first-rate story I presume appeared in no Establishment papers, the worse than failure of the press. (Today's Post even pretends that the Cubans were merely pretending to have a Republican connection - Hey! Hows that for a title like The French Connection?)

Why was it necessary for any paper to invent the lie that because of its size the equipment was amateurish? Even the equipment in this picture is miniaturized. It is that size for dependability and power, not because it can't be smaller. Nobody who wrote a word about The Watergate Caper in any paper has the remotest idea where the receiving point was or was to have been. I don't believe it was either Republican hq, the re-elects or the National, BUT, BOTH were in range of the set pictured on Pewitt. Assuming the steel in the bldg didn't consume the limited output of even the relatively large xmitter.

Tell me when your papers say the State of California's professional officers are hams and bumblers because they didn't use the smallest equipment possible and I'll send you its story when the Post prints it.

In 3rd class I'm sending (don't return) Von Hoffman's cutie deprecating the whole thing. Don't tell me if Hoppe does it!

Justification of Barker in today's Post includes his having been recruited to work for Batista by two named FBI agents (no firsts) and a legal attache, which the Post conveniently forgets to identify as the cover for Embassy FBI agents.

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